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# EXHUME BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN HERE

### Mexican Suspected of Murdering Wife Missing 18 Months

Magdalena Quijas, a Mexican formerly residing in Wilmington is in custody and facing a possible murder charge following the discovery of his wife's body in an unmarked grave in Torrance last Friday. Quijas, who had been taken into custody on suspicion last week, led officers to the spot, and a few minutes of digging in a strawberry field on the Standard Oil Marble Peet lease disclosed the body of the woman.

The shallow grave was located on premises leased to Bob Ueda, prominent Japanese rancher of this section, near Standard Oil well No. 5, about two blocks south of Sepulveda boulevard and a block west of Maple street.

Deputy Sheriffs Morrell and Dominguez, accompanied by Police Sergeant John Stroth and Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson, recovered the body. The woman disappeared under suspicious circumstances about 18 months ago.

Quijas is said to have admitted to officers in San Pedro where he had been taken after he was located on a Lomita ranch, that he had struck his wife with a baseball bat, but an investigation at the coroner's office disclosed that a rope had been placed about her neck, and that there were no signs of broken bones.

# SECOND PERIOD IN HERALD CAMPAIGN WILL END NOV. 18

### Workers Are Busy Every Day Lining Up Points in the Race For Position Which Will Bring Big Rewards At the Close of the Campaign

November 8 was the end of the first half of the Herald's Bonus Check Campaign and the second period is now on in full blast. The points on subscriptions that will be issued from now until November 18 are as follows:

1 year	9,000 points
2 years	26,000 points
3 years	85,000 points
4 years	145,000 points
5 years	250,000 points

Attention Herald Workers  
EXTENSION SUBSCRIPTIONS: The rule on extension subscriptions reads as follows: Points issued on extension subscriptions will count according to the period in which the original subscription was turned in with the exception of the final period. The points now being issued for an extension subscription are as follows:

1-year extension	104,000 points
2-year extension	238,000 points
3-year extension	408,000 points
4-year extension	608,000 points

Important Notice  
One of the compulsory rules of the campaign is that every worker must report to the campaign

# Public Hearing On Permit For Keystone Refinery to Be Called

Date for a public hearing to determine whether or not there is any protest against the proposed establishment of a large new refinery plant at the northeast corner of 223rd street, Wilmington boulevard, and Avalon boulevard, is scheduled to be fixed Monday by the county board of supervisors.

Representing an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, the refinery permit is sought by E. D. Marr of 21 Thirty-Seventh Place, Long Beach. The proposed plant already has the endorsement of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the Wilmington Chamber and 68 property owners residing in the immediate vicinity, according to records of the county regional planning commission.

Marr's communications to the supervisors state that "it is the plan to organize a corporation and convey the land to it, and the corporation will finance the proposed plant." The location is across the street from the Texas company's large storage reservoir on 223rd street. A special permit is necessary from the supervisors because more than 20 families reside within a radius of one-half mile, the planning commission has advised Marr. For that reason, it is necessary for the supervisors to set and hold a public hearing.

Report of the county health department as to whether the new refinery would be a menace to public health is scheduled to be filed with the board this week. The planning commission will require that the plant be located 150 feet back from Avalon boulevard, it was learned today.

"Residents of the district seem anxious for us to proceed," the last letter to the supervisors stated, "and we have many applications for employment. We cannot complete our financing, award contracts for erection of the plant or make other arrangements until we are assured of a permit." It was learned today that the permit is expected to be obtained with hardly any protest.

# NEW HOME BEING BUILT IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES

Eddie Kemp, 4802 East Second street, Long Beach, is erecting a new \$6000 residence in Palos Verdes, according to records of the county building bureau. The residence, which is one story, is being built at 2504 Via Ramon. Spanish style of architecture is being employed. Arthur C. Munson, Los Angeles, is the architect.

# Department Puts On Fire Drill For Councilmen

### Snappy Display of Hose-laying Entertains New Committee

The Torrance fire department put on a short and snappy drill Monday evening on Craven avenue, for the special benefit of the city council fire committee recently appointed by Mayor C. Earl Conner.

The drill consisted of a reverse hook-up, which in less technical language, signifies the laying of a length of hose from the fire plug to the hypothetical fire, another length from the fire to the truck and hooking up the truck's pumping equipment to the hydrant.

The speed and precision with which this little maneuver was carried out was very gratifying to the committee. Considerable time and confusion is saved by a reverse hook-up, as the truck has only to run from the hydrant to the fire and back again to have two lengths of hose laid and the engine connection completed.

As a finishing touch to the Monday night drill one hose was equipped with a Siamese nozzle and the other with a single larger nozzle, so that in a very few seconds three streams of water were being played on the supposed fire.

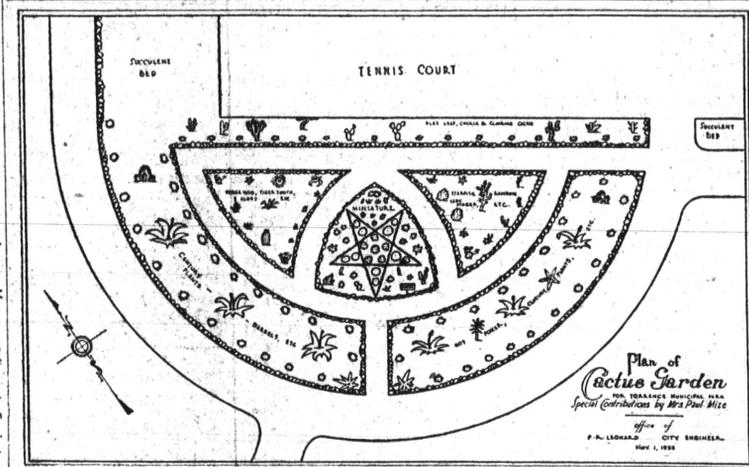
# Truck Load of Staples Sent to Relief Workers

Manager H. W. Beach started out this morning with a big truck load of staple groceries to be distributed to the surrounding units of this vicinity of the Veterans Co-operative Relief organizations.

Eight tons of coffee, sugar, salt, canned goods, salt pork, soap and other staple commodities, the first consignment furnished by the federal government to Co-operative working under the 60-day plan, were included in the shipment.

These goods will add the much needed variety to the diet of the co-operatives who have been subsisting for months on vegetables and little else.

# Cactus Garden at Municipal Park



Three years ago, Paul H. Mize, foreman at the C. C. M. O. camp in this city, took up cactus gardening as a hobby. His garden, carefully tended and increased almost weekly by trips to the deserts and canyons of Southern California, grew to such an extent that Paul finally gave up

golf as a week-end pastime and devoted himself almost entirely, in his spare time to the cactus job. With William H. Stanger as his companion, Paul made frequent trips in search of rare varieties. They combed the Mojave, the Colorado, and even went over into Arizona, for cactus, returning triumphant with many specimens of a curious aspect and of brilliant bloom, for cactus does bloom and the flowers in almost every case, outdo the brilliance and delicacy of most cultivated plants.

Over 300 varieties found their way into the plot at the C. C. M. O. A few months ago Paul died. His garden, which had been such joy and pride, became the responsibility of his widow, who carried on with it as best she could, until recently there came to her the suggestion, from Paul's former companion on his cactus expeditions, William H. Stanger, to turn the garden over to the city to be placed in the municipal park, to be a memorial to Paul, a fine citizen and friend to all.

The suggestion met with ready response, on the part of Mrs. Mize and from the city engineer who placed the responsibility of transferring the garden to the park on Mr. Stanger.

The work is now going on and will take several weeks to complete. The garden will be reproduced as shown in the accompanying picture, exactly as Mr. Mize had arranged it at his home, with the exception that the park garden will be on an enlarged scale.

When the work is completed the Naval Fleet Reserve, of which Mr. Mize had been a member, will erect a bronze tablet bearing his name in one corner of the garden in memory of their comrade.

The garden will contain many of the familiar specimens known to everyone, and many rare varieties assembled from distant points. It will be placed on the east side of the ball park adjoining the tennis courts.

October sales of lumber and building supplies at the Torrance yards of the Consolidated Lumber Company were the largest of any month since January, 1931, it was stated this week by Charles Y. Jones, manager of the local office.

The encouraging feature of this sales record is that it was not due to the receipt of an unusually large order, but rather to an increase in the number of relatively small orders, which indicates a general improvement in building activities in this district," Mr. Jones added.

Today and Friday, Dollar Days in Torrance. See shopper section for list of worthwhile bargains. Stores open until 8 p. m. Friday.

# POST REPORTS IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL BANK'S CONDITION

### Confident Reorganization Plans At First National Bank Will Soon Be Approved By Comptroller, Says J. W. Post

Obligations of the First National Bank of Torrance to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Federal Reserve Bank have been reduced \$33,834.64 since the bank holiday last March, and net earnings of the local financial institution during the same period have amounted to \$6,190.36, J. W. Post, conservator of the bank, reported today in a statement to depositors.

Complete text of Mr. Post's statement follows: "In almost any daily newspaper one may read articles pertaining to the government program of assisting closed banks, of which at the end of September there were 2485 unlicensed and 1140 in receivership.

"I have been in constant touch with the R. F. C. and governmental departments in control of our bank and have not yet been advised of a policy any more liberal than that at the time of my appointment as conservator.

"The requirement that all real estate and slow loans be eliminated is still adhered to. In other words, the policy that is mentioned so often in the newspapers, solvency rather than liquidity, has not been adopted in any case to our knowledge. However, I am still endeavoring to have our plan of reorganization approved by the comptroller and am confident that in a very short time he will do so.

"In order that our depositors may know that their interests have been protected since the bank holiday, I wish to make the following report of our progress since that time. I refer, of course, to the depositors whose deposits have been unavailable since the bank holiday, as all deposits received since that time have been held by me in cash or in the Federal Reserve Bank subject to withdrawal at any time.

"We have reduced our bills payable (our obligations to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Federal Reserve Bank) in the amount of \$33,834.64. Our net earnings amount to \$6,190.37. Of course, all profits and improvement of condition are for the benefit of the depositors as the stockholders' interests have been eliminated.

"The stockholders realize that the bank is in the hands of the government and any decision it may make with regard to liquidation or reorganization of the bank will be agreeable with them. The government's, as well as the stockholders', only interest in our institution is the protection of depositors and there is no doubt but that definite program will soon be made public.

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# Red Cross Roll Call For Memberships Next Two Weeks

### Roll call for membership in the American Red Cross is the affair of importance during the next two weeks from November 11 to November 30. This national organization is making its annual appeal to the people of the United States for support in its projects.

The Red Cross, during the past year, has spent more than one million dollars in 96 domestic, 21 insular, and three foreign disasters. During one period of 12 weeks 46 major disasters occurred in 23 states, causing Red Cross personnel to be hard pressed, moving from one scene of misery to relieve another suddenly stricken.

In addition to rendering aid in disasters, in unemployment relief, and in handling the distribution of government wheat and cotton, more than \$150,000 was expended from restricted contributions in specific disaster operations in the United States and \$1794 from restricted contributions for insular and foreign disasters. The chapters raised and expended locally \$73,465.90 for major disasters.

In attempting to bring to the people the realization of the urgent cause of the Red Cross, Mayor C. Earl Conner has issued the following proclamation: "Every citizen has a place in the American Red Cross and I am sure that every person able to do so will respond instantly to the invitation to join during the annual roll, November 11-30. "As mayor of Torrance I have seen the remarkable service performed by the Red Cross for needy

# DISMEMBERED BODY FOUND BY FISHERMEN

### Headless, Legless and Armless Torso Cast Up By the Sea

Headless, armless and legless, the torso of an unknown person was found about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon on the beach off the Palos Verdes coast, cast up by the sea in a small cove about three miles south of the Point Vicente lighthouse.

The gruesome discovery was made by Murray Tyne and E. J. Watkins, 408 South Catalina avenue, Redondo Beach, who were fishing about 50 feet from the spot where the body lay. The Lomita radio car was called to the scene, and the deputies relayed the information to the sheriff's office.

Deputy sheriffs from sub-station No. 3 were detailed to take charge of the case.

A search of the beach in the vicinity was rewarded by the finding of a femur bone, which it is assumed, belonged to one of the missing members.

The sex of the dismembered body could not be determined at the time, but will be disclosed by an autopsy and coroner's investigation. The body was taken to the Niland Chapel of the Flowers in Redondo Beach to await official action.

The torso was of medium size, but no clues to the identity of the person who had met such a cruel fate were discovered.

# Little Is Done At Short Meeting of City Council

Because it requires the approval of at least three members of the city council to legally pass on municipal matters, and as Councilmen Ludlow and Hitchcock were both absent, and Councilmen Wright and Klusman couldn't agree on matters up for discussion, little was accomplished at the adjourned meeting of the Torrance city council held Tuesday night. As a result action on nearly all matters was deferred until the meeting next Tuesday evening, November 14.

Among the matters discussed and upon which action was deferred until next week were: (1) regulating the parking of Columbia Steel Company employees' cars in front of residences in Columbia Court and adjacent streets; (2) illuminating of all street lights during the month of December; (3) installation of a red arc light at the intersection of Western avenue and 190th street.

A letter of thanks was read from the Gardens city council expressing appreciation for the aid given by the Torrance fire department at the Standard Oil Company fire at Moneta recently.

# ARMISTICE DAY

Local Stores To Close All Day Saturday November 11 Remain Open Until 8 P. M. Friday

Retail stores in Torrance will be closed all day Saturday, —Armistice Day,—in reverence to the wounded and departed patriots who "did their bit" during the World War. Decision to observe the holiday in the traditional Torrance manner was made Monday evening at a meeting of the Retail Merchants Bureau.

In order to accommodate shoppers wishing to purchase supplies for the two-day holiday over the week-end, most retailers agreed to keep their stores open until 8 o'clock Friday evening.

By mutual agreement among the three downtown druggists, the Torrance Pharmacy will be the only downtown drug store remaining open Saturday.

Don't forget,—today and Friday are Dollar Days in Torrance stores. See shopper section for big list of bargains.

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